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TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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SUBJECT: CONGRESSMAN FRASER'S LETTER ON CIVILIAN
PRISONERS

1. THERE FOLLOWS BELOW TEXT OF FRASER'S LETTER OF MARCH 25
TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S
REPORT FOR TRANSMITTAL TO FRASER.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DURING MY VISIT TO VIETNAM, I MET WITH SEVERAL PRISONERS
AND EX-PRISONERS. I HOPE THAT NO MISFORTUNE WILL BEFALL
THESE PEOPLE AS A RESULT OF MY MEETING WITH THEM, AND AC-
CORDINGLY, WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD INFORM ME
IF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM TAKES ANY FURTHER ACTION
AGAINST THEM.

THE PERSONS TO WHOM I REFER ARE MR. HUYNH TAN MAM, MR. LONG
THANH QUY, MISS THIEU THI TAO, AND MISS DONG THI HIEN. OF
THE FOUR, ONLY MR. MAM IS STILL BEING DETAINED. WHEN REPRE-
SENTATIVES ABZUG, FENWICK AND I VISITED MR. MAM AT THE
CHIEU HOI CENTER IN BINH TUY, I EXPRESSED THE HOPE TO
VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS THAT NO HARM COME TO HIM RESULTING
FROM OUR VISIT AND I ASKED THE U. S. CONSUL GENERAL FROM
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BIEN HOA TO USE HIS GOOD OFFICES TO THAT END.

MR. MAM'S MOTHER EXPRESSED A STRONG DESIRE TO VISIT HER SON AND TAKE SOME FOOD TO HIM. SHE SAID SHE HAS NOT SEEN HIM OR HEARD FROM HIM FOR OVER FOURTEEN MONTHS. I WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL IF OUR EMBASSY IN SAIGON, AS A HUMANITARIAN GESTURE, COULD APPROACH THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM ON BEHALF OF THE FREQUENT REQUESTS MR. MAM'S MOTHER HAS MADE FOR A VISIT TO HER SON.

I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SUPPORT YOU AND THE EMBASSY COULD GIVE TO THESE REQUESTS.

END TEXT. KISSINGER

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